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GREG KINNEAR IS A SCREWUP LAWYER ON "RAKE." PAGE 14





New mantra. The de Blasio administration has vowed to make "community policing" a priority for the New York Police Department. Shaking hands. The approach calls for greater cop involvement with shop owners and residents in the neighborhoods that they patrol. PAGE 02

When running for mayor, Bill de Blasio said that the New York Police Department would rely on a more community-friendly approach. / MILES DIXON, MET

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'Community policing' gets mixed reactions

Friendly. The new administration has said the policy will be at the heart of how the NYPD operates.

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"Community policing" has become something of a mantra in the progressive political world over the past year. Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner Bill Bratton have vowed to make it a core principle of the NYPD's approach to policing.

But the phrase has rarely been specifically defined. There has been no clear picture drawn of what the approach would look like in practice.

It has been attempted before — by former Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, back in 1992 and 1993 before he passed on leadership of the NYPD to Bratton the first time.

Cops who were around at that time say it was flawed back then.

"The actual practice of it didn't really seem to work the way it should have," said Carolyn Taylor, a former cop who retired as a sergeant in 2001.

Taylor explained that rather than training the force to operate differently in the field, there were community policing of-ficers assigned to specific beats. They were tasked with interfacing with the



Getting to know you

If police are responding to 911 calls all the time, Louis Turco said, "it becomes very impersonal."

But when the responding officers are people that the victims have gotten to know, it gives them a greater sense of safety and security.

goes, cops would be more likely to respond to 911 calls in the area where they were working.

Useful tool

"I think it's a good tool to have that out in the communities," he said. "The problem is you need to increase the manpower."

Louis Turco

If anything, the theory

community and addressing specific issues.

"But they became far removed from doing the actual job of a police officer," Taylor said.

Some people were more blunt.

"I think it's a feel-good for the public," said Ed Mullins, president of the sergeants union. "They do this big group-hug thing that accomplishes nothing.

There is another obstacle to effective community – or collaborative — policing, according to former and active duty cops: The number of cops in the NYPD has decreased.

Eugene O'Donnell, a former cop who now teaches police students at John Jay College, noted there "doesn't seem to be any real appetite to make it bigger." If anything, there appears to be a push in the opposite direction.

Lieutenant Louis Turco, an active duty cop with the lieutenants' union, said community policing "had some valid points to it," but agreed it would required more officers.

The idea, Turco said, is to not separate out specific community policing cops.

Cops walking the beat would stop into businesses,

meet people, and build relationships with them. Store owners and residents would get to know those officers, and the officers would gain a better understanding of the needs of

the community.

But he maintained, "With the number of officers we have now, you just can't get that done.

Following his first press conference as police commissioner, Bill Bratton dismissed a question about the size of the force being a hindrance to community policing.

"The size of the force has nothing to do with the ability to do collaborative or community policing,'



Staten Island. Two die in shooting during Tuesday's snowstorm

Two men were shot to death in Staten Island during Tuesday's snowstorm, police said.

Kenrick Gray, 34, and Noland Whistleton, 41, were found on the sidewalk outside a Park Hill building with gunshot wounds about 6:15 p.m.

Gray was shot in the

head and Whistleton was hit in the torso and leg. Both were pronounced dead at nearby hospitals.

Though the crime scene was outside, cops said the snow didn't hinder the investigation.

Darren Brown, 27, was charged with the murders on Wednesday evening. ANNA SANDERS

Day after

Panel on Apple Store glass cube shatters

One of the glass panels that makes up the iconic glass cube at the flagship store Apple Store on Fifth Avenue was reportedly shattered by a snowblower early on Wednesday morning, according to AppleInsider. metro

Fordham Heights

Police: Bronx man wanted after lighting his girlfriend on fire

Jose Maldonado, 43, is wanted by police for throwing alcohol on his 29-year-old girlfriend and setting the alcohol on fire with a lighter around 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 11 in Fordham



JOSE MALDONADO /NYPD

She sustained second-degree burns to her face, chest and

Call (800) 577-8477 with a tip. ANNA SANDERS



Mayor defends city's response to snowstorm

Cleanup. De Blasio praised snow plowing efforts across the five boroughs during Tuesday's storm.

After some New Yorkers grumbled about unplowed streets, Mayor Bill de Blasio defended the city's response Wednesday.

"No one was treated differently," he said, respond-ing to criticisms of the cleanup, particularly from annoyed residents on the Upper East Side.

The storm's timing made it difficult for workers to clear streets before rush hour in some areas, officials said.

While de Blasio said most of the city's 6,300 miles of roads were clear for the morning commute, East Side Councilman Dan Garodnick said problems persisted until mid-Wednesday.

The mayor stopped on the Upper East Side later to survey storm cleanup and talk to residents.

He noted that taking criticism — particularly snow-related gripes -

"It is what it is. They can believe what they want. I know what we did."

Sanitation Commissioner John **Doherty,** in response to plowing criticisms from the Upper East Side

part of the job.

"There's a rich history of people in leadership positions dealing with weather crises," he said.

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Workers hurry to ready for Super Bowl

Crews worked to remove snow on Wednesday from MetLife Stadium, which will host the Super Bowl next month, in East Rutherford, N.J. In what is being touted as the first "cold-weather Super Bowl," the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks $\bar{\text{will}}$ face off against each other in front of more than 80,000 fans. Cold-weather welcome kits will be passed out to fans at the game.



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In the Bronx

Teen sought in chemical attack on 87-year-old

A teenager sprayed chemicals on an elderly man during a seemingly random attack in the Bronx on Monday, police said.

An 87-year-old man was approached by the teen at a South Bronx



intersection about 11:45 a.m. Monday.

Police said the teen sprayed him in the face with a chemical in the vicinity of East 149th Street and Brook Avenue.

The teen sprayed the man twice before fleeing.

After the attack, the man was taken to an area hospital, where

he was treated and released.

The teen is described as black, about 16 years old, 5-foot-8 and 200 pounds.

Cops ask anyone with information about the incident to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-TIPS (8477) or text CRIMES (274637), then enter TIP577.

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NY tobacco control gets mixed grades in new review

Control. New York got two As and two Fs in an annual tobacco control report card.

New York state received mixed grades in a national review of tobacco control measures released Wednesday.

The American Lung Association gave New York two As for smoke-free air and having a cigarette tax, but the state failed in tobacco prevention and cessation coverage.

"New York's report card on tobacco control is not one any parent will be proudly hanging on their refrigerator," association spokesman Michael Seilback said in a statement. The report card praised the state's cigarette tax and smoke-free air laws, such as the one in New York City, which went into effect March 2003 and has since been expanded to include parks and electronic cigarettes.

But Seilback said the legislature fails to "adequately fund" the state's tobacco control program. According to the association, New York cut funding for the program by \$2 million in 2013.

Tobacco use is the number one cause of death in the state, according to the report card.

The state Department of Health did not immediately comment on the grades.

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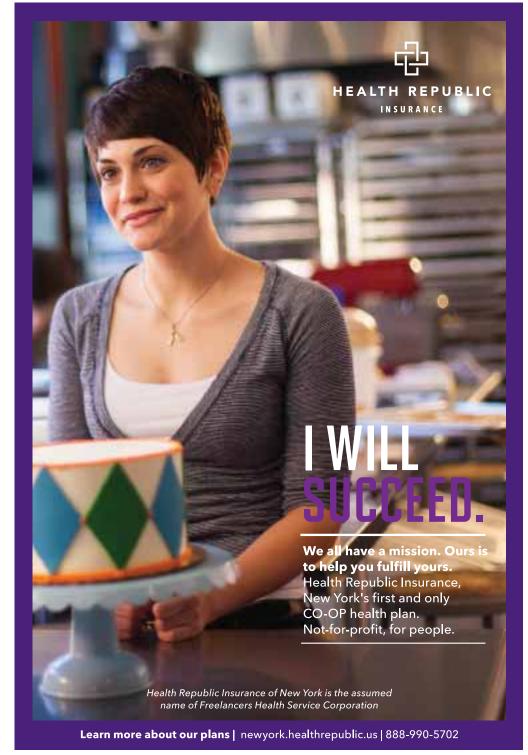
Report card

New York received mixed grades for 2013 in the American Lung Association's annual State of Tobacco Control report card.

Tobacco Prevention

Control and Spending: F

- Smoke-free Air: A
- Cigarette Tax: A
- Cessation: F



Thieves charged for stealing IDs from fuel pumps

Swipe. The crime ring reportedly stole more than \$2 million using lifted ATM numbers.

Thirteen people were indicted for stealing credit card and ATM information from gas pumps in Texas, Georgia and South Carolina, then using the data to take more than \$2 million at ATMS and banks in New York, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. announced late Tuesday.

Members of the alleged identity theft ring installed



Bluetooth-enabled skimming devices at the different pumps so the data could be retrieved without removing the devices, Vance said.

In this case, the stodata was encoded onto forged cards used to withdraw cash at ATMs in Manhattan, Vance said in a statement.

The cash was then deposited into bank accounts, enabling others to withdraw the money from banks in California and Nevada.

"These defendants are accused of fueling the fastest growing crime in the country," Vance said in a statement.

Two of the men were arrested inside ATM vestibules while withdrawing money from victims' checking accounts, authorities said. **REUTERS**



In Brooklyn

Two men rob tattoo parlor, rape female customer

Two men robbed a Brooklyn tattoo parlor last week, and one of the suspects raped a female customer inside the shop,

The incident occurred

about 2 a.m. on Jan. 17.

Police say a female suspect rang the doorbell at Inktastic Tattoo Parlor, located at 118 Ralph Ave. in Bed-Stuy. When an employee opened the door, two male suspects entered the business and the female suspect returned to their car.

One of the men was armed with a gun and the other was armed with a knife, according to police. They stole items from store workers as well as customers. During the robbery, one of the suspects also raped a 23-yearold woman, police said.

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Suspect in Purdue WWW.metro.us University shooting due in court Thursday

Gun control. The shooting was the latest in a rash of gun attacks at schools across the U.S.

A Purdue University student who police said barged into a classroom and fatally shot a teacher's assistant on the Indiana school's campus is due in court today.

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Cody Cousins, 23, of
Warsaw, Ind., was being
held without bond in
Tippecanoe County jail
and faces a preliminary
murder charge, according
to jail records. Prosecutors said his initial hearing is set for 2 p.m. today.

Authorities say Cousins killed Andrew Boldt, 21, at about noon Tuesday in a basement classroom of the university's electrical engineering building. Boldt, of West Bend, Wisc., was a senior in the College of Engineering, as is Cousins, the university said.

Authorities have not specified a motive for the attack but said the shooter seemed to target Boldt specifically and no one else.

Cousins was arrested when he exited the engineering building.

Classes were suspend-





ed Wednesday and coun-

seling was being offered

woman Liz Evans said

school officials would

likely be looking at the

spokes-

to students.

University

Recent incidents

The shooting followed others at schools in Philadelphia, New Mexico and Georgia, intensifying the national debate over gun control.

 On Monday night, a student was shot and critically wounded outside an athletic center at Widener University in Chester, Penn., near Philadelphia.

 Last week alone, two students were shot at a high school in Philadelphia, another was shot at a high school in Geogia and two students were shot at a middle school in New Mexico.

incident to determine if they need to make any changes to security on campus.

Gun ownership laws have come under scrutiny after a series of school shootings that started in December 2012, when 20 children and six educators were shot dead by a lone gunman at Sandy Hook elementary school in Connecticut. REUTERS

Bright stone

Mystery white rock inexplicably appears near NASA Mars rover

Scientists are stumped as to how a rock mysteriously appeared in images taken two weeks apart by NASA's Mars rover Opportunity.

The rover, which landed in an area known as Meridiani Planum a decade ago, is exploring the rim of a crater for signs of past water.

On Jan. 8, while pre-

paring to use its robotic arm for science investigation, Opportunity sent back a picture of its work area.

Oddly, it showed a bright white rock, about the size of a doughnut, where only barren bedrock had appeared in a picture taken two weeks earlier.

Scientists suspect the rock was flipped over by one of the rover's wheels. It also may have been deposited after a meteorite landed nearby.

CNBC reports. Madoff suffered heart attack last month in prison

Convicted fraudster Bernard Madoff was hospitalized last month for a heart attack, CNBC reported on Wednesday.

Madoff, 75, told CNBC in an email that he had since returned to the federal prison where he is serving a 150-year sentence for masterminding a massive Ponzi scheme that destroyed the lives of thousands of investors. Madoff also said that he suffers from stage-4 kidney disease, but was not undergoing dialysis, the network said.

A spokesman for the prison in Butner, N.C., confirmed that Madoff was at the facility but would not confirm that he had been hospitalized.

Ford to research automated driving with Stanford, MIT



Safer. The new research is aimed at providing the vehicle with human-like common sense.

Ford Motor Co. said it is joining with two top U.S. universities to launch research into automated driving technology.

The automaker said it will work with Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the "technical challenges" facing autonomous vehicles, which use automated systems to take over some driving functions.

Mark Fields, Ford's chief operating officer, made the announcement at the opening of the annual Washington Auto Show, where the company showed off its automated Ford Fusion Hybrid research car. "In the long term, we

see a future of connected cars that communicate with each other and with the world around them to improve safety, reduce traffic congestion and achieve major environmental benefits," Fields said. The research car can operate on its own with the supervision of a driver. Loaded with technology that operates much like a bat or dolphin using sound waves, the car can sense moving objects including pedestrians and cars. REUTERS

Quoted

"It is likely to bring fully autonomous navigation and parking." Fields

Social media. Pope tweets backing for huge US anti-abortion rally

Pope Francis has used Twitter to back an annual antiabortion rally, the March for Life, which drew tens of thousands of activists to Washington, D.C., on Wednesday.

"I join the March for Life in Washington with my prayers. May God help us respect all life, especially the most vulnerable," he said on his Twitter account in a message that

was quickly re-tweeted thousands of times.

The Argentinian-born pontiff has some 11.5 million followers on his Twitter account in several languages, @pontifex.

The Washington rally is one of the key events of the pro-life movement in the United States, where abortion is one of the most polarizing issues in politics. **REUTERS**

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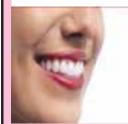


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Gov. Christie's NJ approval rating drops

Dip. The poll of 826 New Jersey adults was conducted from Jan. 14 to Jan. 19.

Support for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, which soared over his handling of superstorm Sandy, has fallen almost 20 points since his landslide reelection in November as he faces probes into the conduct of a top aide who allegedly ordered a politically motivated traffic jam.

Christie's approval rating among New Jersey voters, at 65 percent just before he was re-elected last year, dipped to 46 percent favorable to 43 percent unfavorable, according to the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll.

In the heavily Democratic state, support for

Christie remains among Republicans and independents, while support fell 26 points among Democrats.

The poll was partly complete when new allegations were brought last week by the Democratic Mayor of Hoboken Christie withheld recovery funds storm political reasons. REUTERS

"The good will the governor built up among Democrats with his handling of the Sandy aftermath is gone, at least for now."

David Redlawsk

Director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at **Rutgers University**



Bitter cold lingers as northeast digs out

The northeastern United States on Wednesday was digging out from a deadly storm that dumped more than 15 inches of snow in some places, with gusting winds and frigid temperatures closing some schools and offices and delaying or canceling thousands of flights. At least one death was blamed on the storm, which made roads treacherous throughout the region, including near Emmitsburg, Maryland, where a driver lost control and slammed into a tractor trailer, Maryland State Police reported. Temperatures were below 10 degrees Fahrenheit across much of the New York metropolitan area, according to the National Weather Service. REUTERS

More ways to vote

US panel recommends ways to cut election day wait times

To reduce long election day voting lines, a presidential panel recommended that states explore the possibility of expanding ways that Americans can vote early, an increasingly popular way to vote.

Complaints about long lines in the 2012 presidential election prompted President Barack Obama to form a bipartisan commission to look at ways to improve the voting experience.

The Presidential Commission on Election Administration, led by Obama's 2012 campaign lawyer and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's top attorney, made its recommendations Wednesday. REUTERS



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Cyber attacks

Russia hacked hundreds of Western, Asian companies

A U.S. cyber security firm says it has gathered evidence that the Russian government spied on hundreds of Ámerican, European and Asian companies, the first time Moscow has been linked to cyber attacks for alleged economic — rather than political - gains.

According to the firm, CrowdStrike, the victims of the previously unreported cyber espionage campaign include energy and technology firms, some of which have lost valuable intellectual property.

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Woman accused of beating maids gets bail

A Hong Kong mother of two who a court heard punched her maids, beat them with mops and threatened to kill their relatives was released on bail on Wednesday after she was formally charged in a case that has triggered outrage. Police arrested former beautician Law Wan-tung before she boarded a flight, since when she has been jeered as a monster. **REUTERS**

"She began hitting her non-stop, she scratched her, slapped her and pushed her head against the wall ..."

The prosecutor
About the alleged abuses

Threats before games play on security fears

Olympic jitters.

Threatening letters were sent to six committees.

At least five European countries' Olympic committees and the United States received letters in Russian on Wednesday making a "terrorist threat" before the Sochi Games, but Olympic chiefs said they posed no danger.

Despite the assurances, the letters to committees in Italy, Hungary, Germany, Slovenia and Slovakia briefly caused alarm and underlined nervousness about security at the \$50 billion event on which Russian President Vladimir Putin's legacy may depend.

The U.S. Olympic Committee later confirmed that it also received a let-



By the numbers

Suicide bombers killed at least 34 people in a city in southern Russia last month, Islamist militants have threatened to attack and security forces are hunting a woman suspected of planning a suicide bombing and of being in Sochi already

ter by email.

"I am very pleased to inform everyone that both the IOC and the Sochi organizing committee ... declared after the analysis of the letter that this threat is not real," Zsigmond Nagy, director of international relations at the Hungarian Olympic Committee, said.

Protecting the US team

Earlier on Wednesday, U.S. lawmaker Michael McCaul, chairman of the House of Representatives' Homeland Security Committee who recently toured Sochi, told ČNN he had not heard of any threats against the U.S. Olympic team.

"Not to the U.S. Olympic team," he said from Moscow. "There are threats. I can't go specifically into these, but not to the American team.'

The IOC said it took security very seriously and passed on any credible information to security services.



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Ukraine. President. opposition meet after street clash deaths

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich met opposition leaders on Wednesday in an attempt to defuse street violence in which three people were killed overnight Tuesday, but tensions remained high as his prime minister branded anti-government protesters "terrorists."

The talks, the first concrete move toward negotiating an end to two months of civil unrest, ended after about three hours, but there was no immediate word from the presidency. Opposition leaders said they would give a report on the talks later to their supporters rallying on Kiev's central Independence Square. Two of the dead men died from bullet wounds, Ukraine's general prosecutor said, and the third died after plunging from the top of Dynamo football stadium while fighting with police. REUTERS



The protests

They were the first protestrelated deaths since the crisis erupted last November after Yanukovich ditched a trade deal with the European Union in favor of financial aid from Soviet-era overlord Russia to prop up Ukraine's ailing economy.

The protesters, inflamed by news of the deaths, faced off again with riot police.

Pope Francis to Davos elite: Serve humanity with wealth

Pone Francis challenged business leaders assembled in Davos on Tuesday to put their wealth at the service of humanity instead of leaving most of the world's population in poverty and insecurity. In a message to more than 2.500 participants at the annual World Economic Forum, the pontiff urged industrialists and bankers to promote inclusive prosperity, but stopped short of chiding them for excesses laid bare by the global financial crisis. "I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it," Pope Francis said in the message read at the opening ceremony by Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Peace and Justice. REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES



Hungary

Lawmaker accuses next US envoy of 'ignorance'

A Hungarian ruling party lawmaker accused the next U.S. ambassador to his country of "ignorance" and bias after she expressed concern over a rise of extremism in Hungary.

Colleen Bell, Ambassador-Designate to Hungary, had said that, while Hungary was a strong ally, a perceived erosion of democratic checks and balances under Prime Minister Viktor Orban gave grounds for concern.

"[Such remarks] triggered serious and justified uproar in Hungary that you ... not only proved your ignorance about Hungarian domestic politics at your Senate hearing, but also ... expressed a party political stance on serious issues," senior lawmaker Gergely Gulyas wrote. **reuters**

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Today in celebrities behaving badly



It's been quite the week for many celebrities and it's not because they are doing God's work.

First up: Young Jeezy, who was thrown in the slammer on Monday after his girlfriend pulled the panic alarm at her Alpharetta, Ga., home, according to TMZ. When cops showed up, Jeezy didn't identify himself and was verbally abusive when they tried to figure out what he was doing there. So, as it happens, he was arrested.

Meanwhile, Soulja Boy was busted with a loaded gun in Los Angeles on Wednesday morning. Cops pulled over the car he was riding in after run-





THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.



ning a stop sign, they saw the gun and arrested the "Crank That" singer on the spot.

And finally, Bruce Dern is currently not in Quentin Tarantino's good graces after he (or his representatives) apparently leaked a new script of the director's. "I'm very, very de-pressed. I finished a script, a first draft, and I didn't mean to shoot it until next winter, a year from now,' Tarantino told Deadline about the script for "The Hateful Eight." "I gave it to six people, and apparently it's gotten out."

Tarantino now plans to publish the screenplay instead and move onto another project.



Dita Von Teese: One sexy Parisian papillon

Dita Von Teese (and her barely-there waist) donned this Jean Paul Gaultier creation during the Paris Fashion Week Haute-Couture Spring/Summer 2014 shows in Paris on Wednesday.

Talking points

Perry prayed for her boobs

Katy Perry admits she had some help in developing her impressive figure, but it wasn't from a surgeon. The voluptuous singer tells GQ that when she was 11 years old, "I lay on my back one night and looked down at my feet and I prayed to God. I said, 'God, will you please let me have boobs so big that I can't see my feet when I'm lying down?"" Perry says. "God answered my prayers. I had no clue they would fall into my armpits eventually." She also insists her lack of artificial augmentation lends her more credibility. "I've never had any plastic surgery. Not a nose, not a chin, not a cheek, not a tit," she says. "So my messages of self-empowerment are truly coming from an au natural product."

Prince Harry drank out of a leg

Prince Harry celebrated reaching the South Pole in true style, going on a "two-



day bender" and drinking champagne out of a prosthetic limb, actor and trek-mate Dominic West tells the Telegraph. "Two of the Aussie guys stripped naked and ran around the pole, but most of us, Harry included, just went on a two-day bender with the Icelandic truck drivers who had brought some lethal home brew with them," West says, adding that Harry "told some eyewateringly rude jokes.

Everyone wants Bieber to move out

Justin Bieber has reportedly been urged by his

manager, Scooter Braun, to evacuate his Calabasas, Calif., home, the site of his ongoing legal troubles In "Silver Linings Playfollowing an egg-throwing incident earlier this month book," Jennifer Lawrence that led to a drug-related played a woman who'd arrest on the premises. gotten married, been "Justin was told, put the widowed, gone crazy with grief and slept her way out house up for sale and get out immediately. It doesn't of at least one job. Believe it or not, the first choice take a rocket scientist to figure out why Justin was to play that role was not a told to do so. His neigh-21-year-old. Harvey Weinstein bors hate him and he will recently revealed that a continue to be a target as long as he lives in the gatdifferent pixie-cut thesed community," a source pian was originally slated tells Radar Online. "But for the role: he absolutely refused to put his house up thaway for sale. He loves the was his house and he doesn't want to give his choice neighbors the to play satisfaction of leaving. So for now, Justin is staying puť." Needless to say, Bieber's neighbors think Braun has the riaht idea

Lawrence wasn't the first choice for 'Silver Linings Playbook'

Anne Haoriginal That's no shocker -David O. Russell is famously difficult to work with. And since both she and Lawrence won Oscars that year, she's probably cool with how things worked out. Of course, Lawrence won Best Actress, while Hathaway nabbed a mere

> erables.' So, yeah, she might not be grinding her teeth at night over this one.

Best Supporting Actress

statuette for "Les Mis-

Tiffany. "Silver Linings Playbook' was originally going to be with Anne Hathaway and Mark Wahlberg," the studio exec told Howard Stern. "And then Anne wasn't doing it. And she's marvelous and wonderful and she was my choice, I love her."

So why wasn't Hathaway up there yelling and twitching and dancing poorly? Apparently she and director David O. Russell didn't hit it off. "David and Anne had some creative differences," Weinstein said. "They didn't see eye-to-eye.

> @TheRealRoseanne: I like the death penalty but wish they would just shoot ppl rather than all of this drug nonsense.

Twitter feed

We check in with some of

Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up

to — in their own words, in

Today, Jimmy Kimmel has some ideas to improve

140 characters or fewer.

Twitter, Roseanne Barr

wants to get to the point

isn't a reality TV fan and

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@jimmykimmel: In addition

to "favorite," twitter should have a "oh, shut up you

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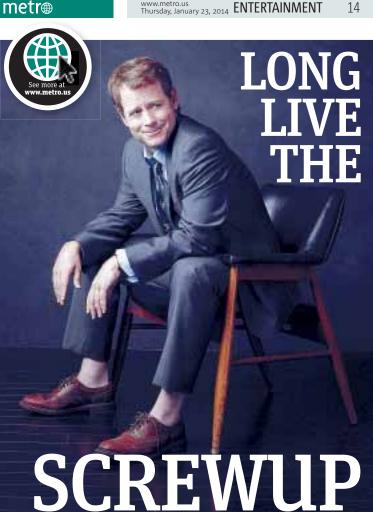
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TV. Grea Kinnear plavs a lovable "Rake" in Fox's new comedy.

"Rake" premieres tonight at 9 on Fox. / FOX VIA GETTY IMAGES

Keegan Deane is that one friend we all have who just can't get his act together. He's the lovable screwup; and now, he's the star of Fox's "Rake."

Portrayed by Greg Kinnear, Deane owes nearly \$60,000 to his bookie, has been crashing at his best friend's house for four months and is in love with a prostitute who views their relationship as a business transaction. He's a narcissist in denial, but he's also a brilliant defense attorney who is incredibly charming (even if he's not very good at getting paid for his work).

"I don't think he has a great self-awareness of [his problems]," Kinnear says of his character. "It comes in fits and starts. There are moments where he has a little bit of reflection about where he's at on the map, but certainly, you know, out of the gate, very little."

Deane's ego - and his utter lack of interest in adhering to normal societal standards - drew Kinnear to the series, which is based on an Australian show of the same name. "I was intrigued immediately when I saw the mess of that guy," he says. "That kind of absolute lack of need for approval is a hugely attractive thing, especially if you're an actor. Getting to play that and getting to pursue a guy who's not necessarily interested in what you think was a really cool element for me."

That's a good thing, because Deane's clients in upcoming episodes will include a serial killer and

a cannibal - not your typical underdog stories. And yet, "Rake" finds a way to make the audience root for the antihero. Kinnear chalks it up to the show's fine-tuned ability to balance darkness and humor.

"It's tricky to try and find that comedic/drama balance," he says. "But the Australian show succeeds very, very much in that. It really struck a nice chord between the drama and the comedy, which is what appealed to me."



Character flaws

Too edgy?

Producer Peter Tolan knows a thing or two about flawed characters: He created the FX drama "Rescue Me," about post-9/11 NYC firefighters. In introducing "Rake" to U.S. viewers, the TV veteran needed abrasive Deane to still be likable. Tolan says his writers actually pulled back on some

of the more outlandish antics from the original series "to get an audience comfortable with a guy who's this much of a f-up and to care about him." That's why they reshot the pilot. The original, which featured Deane defending a cannibal, was held for later this season, after viewers have had a chance to warm up to the mess of a protagonist.

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Rosario Dawson isn't afraid to get gritty for the right role, as she proves in 'Gimme Shelter.'

In the new indie drama, she plays June, an unrepentant crack addict and mother to pregnant teen Apple (Vanessa Hudgens). Growing up on the Lower East Side, the daughter of a teen mom, the actress — seen in "25th Hour," "Death Proof" and "Unstoppable" — was uniquely drawn to the material.

What do you think happens to your character, June, after this film ends?

That's a big question mark, and the reality is that there are a lot of people who are not going to get it in this lifetime. So she could very easily continue to make choices that make her life that much shorter. She has a very strong addiction, she's got really big issues, she's in a really bad crowd. There's so many things that are big question marks for her. I can relate to June. As ugly as that is, I can relate to denial, I can relate to lack of responsibility and lack of self-respect. Ĭ can relate to self-loathing. I can relate to that to some degree. That's how far it can go.

How exactly did you embody such a distinct personality?

Well, I did a lot of crack. [Laughs] Method, super method (acting). No, you know, my mom was a teenage mom, but I had a really close family the exact opposite of this. I never got into that level of putting myself in a person's shoes to that degree before. It was ugly. It was really disturbing, it was really harsh. It physically manifested in a really uncomfortable way. I was grimacing for 24 hours afterwards every time I did this. It was just harsh. But again, it was so compelling. And even on the most basic level as an actor, it's so great to be



ROSARIO DAWSON

The actress says she related to her crack addict mom in "Gimme Shelter" — to a point.

METHOD WOMAN

20 years into your career and still be able to challenge yourself in that way. It was incredible.

It's crazy that your debut in "Kids" was almost 20 years ago.

I got discovered at the age of 15. I would hear all the time from girls in the community, "Oh my God, you're so lucky, you got discovered here." What am I supposed to tell those girls? "Oh, you too can have a great life. Just sit out on your stoop and maybe you too will get discovered!" It's ridiculous.



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You do a lot of work for the Lower East Side Girls Club, which has been doing very well lately. We now have 30,000 square feet of awesome ness, which is what I like

to call it. I don't know if

you all realize, but there's a planetarium on Avenue D. You can't even see stars there, but now you can go inside the building and see stars. To have them go from being in the backs of churches and in basements and offices, all the different places the Lower East Side Girls Club has existed, to

then say, "Oh yeah, we're going to build 30,000 square feet of awesomeness" — I was helping them raise the money and even I was like, "Come on, guys. That's just silly." And now it exists, and it's so powerful. It really makes me believe in the profound.

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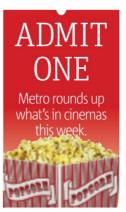
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'Visitors' Almost 30 years ago, monkturned-filmmaker Godfrey Reggio seared retinas with his time lapse-heavy, Philip Glass-scored, maximalist enviro-art film "Koyaanisqatsi." He returns with this more somber piece of contemplation featuring, mostly, people staring at you.

'Stranger by the Lake' Many flocked to "Blue Is the Warmest Color" because it featured young French lesbians. Will they turn out in equal size to its gay dude semi-equivalent? Filmmaker Alain Guiraudie hangs out at a cruising site where the sometimes actual hardcore sex is upset by a murder.

'Gimme Shelter' Not to be confused with the song or the seminal Altamont doc, this indie gives Vanessa Hudgens the chance to dirty herself up with face piercings, neck tattoos, etc. as a wayward, abused teen trying to

'Knights of Badassdom' Peter Dinklage, Summer Glau, Danny Pudi and other nerd icons star in this guaranteed cult hit about live-action RPG players who accidentally summon a demon from hell.

'Gloria' Chilean actress Paulina Garcia is getting raves for her performance as a middleaged woman who starts a relationship with an even older man she meets while clubbing. Yes, the original European version of the titular pop song gets played.

'Ride Along' Surely the Ice Cube circa "Straight Outta Compton" always imagined he'd be doing little else but playing cops. Here, the ex-N.W.A. member decides to torture the diminutive, motormouth wannabe-officer (Kevin Hart) who wants to marry his sister.

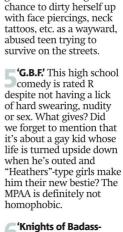
'Jack Ryan: Shadow **Recruit'** One of the Cold War's most reliable do-gooders returns with this reboot, in which the CIA man (Chris Pine) battles Russians. Wait, Russians? What era is this?

'The Nut Job' Will Arnett headlines this heist 'toon, voicing a loner squirrel who learns the value of sharing and socialist living when the fellow animals of an urban park find themselves short on food for the winter.









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Take the outfit that Grace Sickles, spotted in the Meatpacking District, wears here. She's sporting leather pants — an idea that can seem intimidating — with the ease of a pair of well-worn boyfriend jeans. That's all due to her styling; those comfy biker boots, the oversized coat, the furry scarf and fuzzy bobble hat. The overall effect is polished and slick, yet practical and accessible.

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Runway report

Sneakers on the couture runway

Sneakers are having a moment. Every stylish soul from Copenhagen to Sao Paolo is already sporting a pair of hightop Nike's, but given that Chanel and Dior just presented the ultimate juxtaposition of high and low by teaming kicks with their S/S '14 couture collections, it seems the sneaker renaissance has hit a higher level. And this time round, they're glamorous.

Chanel showed pastel sports shoes with its signature tweed looks though these aren't ordinary sneakers. Karl Lagerfeld worked with custom shoe maker Massaro, and each pair costs more than your paycheck. At the Christian Dior show, models glided down the runway in sparkly sneakers. Schiaparelli even jumped on the athletic bandwagon, coming back from its 60-year hiatus with feather-adorned flip-flops. With autumn/winter '14 collections right around the corner, can we expect more? Our feet are doing a happy dance. ALICE TATE



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Old habits die hard. But if your love life isn't quite what you want it to be, you've gotta switch it up. Get out of your dating rut, get a new strategy and ditch these habits once and for all!

1Making excuses. Are you always making up reasons to not try your hardest when it comes to dating? Maybe some of these sound familiar: "I'm not going to find someone online anyway. "I'm not going to date until I lose weight." "I'm doing pretty well on my own right now." Stop talking yourself out of taking the necessary steps to find someone. Admit to yourself you want a relationship, if that's what you want. Make the commitment to try finding one, and be proactive about meeting people.

Peing too judgmental.Of course when you're meeting people, you have to be a little picky. But whether you're deciding who to talk to at a bar or whose messages to respond to online, don't pick people apart and discount them based on one feature you're not that into physical or otherwise. You have to give people



a chance to win you over with the full package.

Staying in a relation-ship that's going nowhere. Breakups are no fun. But you can't stay in a relationship that isn't right just because you don't want to deal with a breakup, are scared of being alone, or things feel comfortable. You deserve to be with someone who really makes you happy, and so does your partner. If you haven't found the right one, get back out there and try again.

Taking your relation-4ship for granted. Relationships have to be nourished and protected no matter how long you've been in one. Regularly schedule a date night where you get out of the house and do something different with each other. Even when you're busy and exhausted, make time to talk to one another about your days and share the things that are on your mind. Yes, it's easier to get home from work and plop yourself on the couch in front of your favorite TV shows. But just like you have to put effort into working out regularly to stay in shape, you have to put effort into your relationship even when things are going well.

Grouper. Fun (and love) for everyone

Challen Hodson is the director of membership experience for Grouper, an online social club that matches groups of three female friends with groups of three male friends. Members of Grouper receive reminder texts and confirmation emails from Hodson and can text her back with questions or requests. But don't confuse her with Siri: Challen is the real deal, staying up late to read texts and giving advice on how to move forward if your Grouper is going well.

We asked Challen to give us her tips on dating, meeting new people and what it's like to be one of the most important new influences on the dating

Is it really you who answers all of these texts?

Yes, it's really me! We have a number of concierges around the country, so there are many people speaking in different cities, but it's me in New York.

What are your hours like?

We might get a text from someone two-and-a-half hours into their Grouper because they're going to karaoke and they're asking us which first song they should sing. We start later in the morning and roll through midnight on nights when it's needed.

What's the latest time at which you've responded to a text?

Probably 3:30 a.m. But that's not very often.



What's the craziest text you've received?

I did receive one where the group said, "Challen, throw some luck our way, we're going to Atlantic City." I said, "Are you serious?" And they said, "We're on the train." I think they ended up not going, but you can never quite tell where a Grouper's going to lead.

ANDREA PARK



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Yum. Baby, it's cold outside. Warm up with some soup-er

When that winter chill starts to bite, a warming, comforting bowl of soup is just the ticket. Not just any old mushy soup will do though — Metro went in search of sexy, scintillating winter soups to make the season sizzle.

At Greenwich Project (47 W. Eighth St., 212-253-9335), chef Carmine Di Giovanni wanted a break from the ubiquitous amber butternut squash or pumpkin soup, and created a sweet potato variety.

"I just wanted to be different," Di Giovanni says. "A year or so ago when every chef in the city was serving butternut squash soup and pumpkin bisque, Michelin tweeted, 'Does every chef need to serve the same soup?' So it got me thinking and, boom, this sweet potato soup was created." The sunny, orange liquid is topped with ancho chili marshmallow to give subtle, smoky spice, and maple cream to accentuate the yam's sweetness.

At Davio's Manhattan (451 Lexington Ave. 212-661-4810), chef Chad Brown's roasted tomato soup is finished with julienned basil and chopped parsley, turning summer flavors into a winter comforter. Its chicken stock base is thickened with cubed rustic Tuscan style bread, which soaks up all the liquid. A crisp goat cheese and chive crostini tops it all off and adds tangy creaminess. "This is one of my favorites for the winter



For the vegans

Some vegetable soups may sneakily contain meat stock, but at Melvin's Juice **Box at Dream Downtown** (355 W. 16th St. 212-229-2336), chef Michael Armstrong does a vegan take on Anglo-Indian mulligatawny soup. His spicy, creamy soup is finished with a colorful dice of roasted zucchini, squash, carrot and currants, and

topped with fresh herbs and toasted cashews for crisp and crunchy textures.

'Mulligatawny is a classic soup that's usually served with chicken or pork, but I like ours much better," says Armstrong. "It has a flavorful and aromatic vegetable broth with toasted curry powder, red lentils and coconut milk as the base. It's very hearty and filling, with a hint of spice — the perfect winter dish to keep warm."

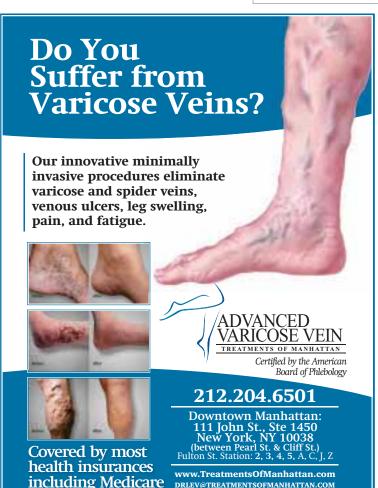
months," says Brown. "It's a comforting soup, but this recipe does not include any cream, so it's not heavy at all. We make this fresh daily to keep those flavors bright."

In chef Lisa Giffen's hands at Maison Premiere (298 Bedford Ave. 347-335-0446), cauliflower becomes a velvety, silky soup. Echoing the restaurant's French-New Orleans style, her cauliflower veloute has Gulf ruby red shrimp and black trumpet mushrooms. They add

color and texture to the pale cauliflower puree and lemon cream, which is slowly poured over them tableside.

"This cauliflower veloute is one of the sexiest soups," says Giffen. "The whipped lemon cream melts into the dish, enhancing the velvety texture, while the subtle hint of citrus adds to the mouthwatering effect."

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ART

Alexander Borodulin: New York 1970s-1980s

Thursday-March 8, 11 a.m. Nailya Alexander Gallery, 41 E. 57th St. Free, 212-315-2211 www.nailyaalexander gallery.com

The son of well-known Soviet sport photographer Lev Borodulin, Alexander Borodulin was more inclined to shoot subjects that didn't fit the socialist ideology, and instead went the way of the dissident artist. He moved to New York in the '70s and became the youngest photographer to work for Time-Life publishing. This exhibit focuses on his New York-centric photos, from beach scenes in Coney Island to the nightlife at Studio 54, to fashion features.

BOOKS

Book Launch: 'What We've Lost is Nothing'

Thursday, 7 p.m.
The powerHouse Arena,
37 Main St., Dumbo
Free, 718-666-3049
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NPR contributor and investigative
journalist Rachel Louis Snyder
goes all "48 Hours Mystery" in
her new novel, "What We've
Lost is Nothing." OK, in the
book, it's really 24 hours, but
close enough. Catch Snyder in
conversation with Daniel Evans
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FOOD & DRINK

A Taste of Sheepshead Bay

Thursday, 7 p.m. Baron DeKalb Knights Of Columbus, 3000 Emmons Ave., Sheepshead Bay \$30-\$35, 347-985-0633 www.sheepsheadbites.com Three-dollar beers, 20 participating restaurants, cafes, bakeries and delis, and live music means you're going to be on a diet very soon. Get a fine taste of Sheepshead Bay with food from Il Fornetto Restaurant, Jimmy's Famous Heros, Chop Stix Restaurant and more. And if you've got a fancy ride, or hate



'The Alice-in-Wonderland Follies'

Saturday-Jan. 26, 1 p.m. (Sat.), 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. (Sun.) Florence Gould Hall at FIAF, 55 E. 59th St.; \$39, 212-355-6160; www.nytb.org

Take a trip through Wonderland with the New York Theatre Ballet. Choreographed by Keith Michael, the show features Alice dancing her way through a vaudeville New York setting, meeting a unique cast of characters and breathing new life into the Lewis Carroll classic.

MUSIC

A Tribute to Phil Everly Presented by Teddy Thompson and Friends

City Winery, 155 Varick St.; \$22-\$30, 212-608-0555 www.citywinery.com

Teddy Thompson (the son of Richard and Linda Thompson) has put together a group of musicians who share his love of all things Everly Brothers for this celebration of the late Phil Everly. Minde Atkins, Elvis Perkins, Anders Parker and more will be on hand to cover "Wake Up Little Susie" and other classics.



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Cochon 555

Jan. 26, 4 p.m. The Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park, 2 West St. \$125, 212-344-0800 www.cochon555.com Pork enthusiasts, rejoice, because a 200-pound heritage-breed We want you

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NYChiliFest 2014

Jan. 26, 7 p.m. Chelsea Market, 75 Ninth Ave. \$50-\$75, 212-243-6005 www.foodsystemsnyc.org Spice things up at this chili festival with some of NYC's best chefs competing for the coveted "Golden Chili Mug 2014." Every polar vortex is just another excuse to scarf down as much chili and beer as you can, and this 500-foot room is going to be bursting at the seams with both. Tickets are available for unlimited chili, unlimited chili and beer and, obviously, unlimited fun.

First Taste Wild Streak Release

Jan. 26, 11 a.m. The Brooklyn Brewery, 79 N. 11th St., Brooklyn \$30, 718-486-7422 www.brooklynbrewery.com Because you were born to be wild, you won't want to miss Brooklyn Brewery's first Brooklyn Quarterly Experiment release, Wild Streak. Your ticket gets you a free sampling, a free bottle, coffee and doughnuts, early access to the tasting room and a beer token. Getting drunk before noon has never felt so good.

MUSIC

'WOW: An Opera' Based on Milli Vanilli

Thursday-Feb. 3, 8 p.m. BRIC House, 647 Fulton St., Fort Greene \$15-\$18, 718-683-5600 www.bricartsmedia.org Girl you know it's, girl you know it's, girl you know it's the famous Milli Vanilli skip heard 'round the world put the breaks on the duo's career but will kick off this experimental opera about the rise and fall of the German pop group. The performance makes use of BRIC's various spaces and the score is conducted live, measure by measure. If anyone slips up they can't just blame it on the rain.

STORIES

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Thursday, 7 p.m. KGB Bar, 85 E. Fourth St. Free, 212-505-3360 www.kgbbar.com Leslie Goshko (Huffington Post, Sirius XM Radio) celebrates five years of this storytelling series by inviting Andy Christie ("The Liar Show"), Kevin Allison MTV's "The State," host and creator of "Risk!") and Tara Clancy (The Paris Review, The New York Times) to share bizarre stories about their lives. There will be trivia, and a wine giveaway for five lucky audience members.

IMAGINE: Living in a Socialist USA: Launch Party and Discussion

Jan. 27, 7 p.m. Housing Works, Bookstore Cafe, 126 Crosby St. Free, 212-334-3324 www.housingworks.org What would the U.S. be like if Obama were, as his detractors allege, actually a socialist? Let's rephrase that: What would a socialist U.S. look like and would it be better than the U.S. we live in today? Celebrate this essay collection which investigates just that, with editors Debby Smith, Michael Steven Smith and legendary activist Frances Goldin. There will be free wine and cheese for everybody. IAY HONSTETTER

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Aries | March 21-April 20. A relationship may preoccupy you today. Remain calm and try to be fun. You will be emotional, and it's

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Taurus | April 21-May 21. Now is not the time to pause. Move forward and reach for your goals. Professional matters could work out in your favor.

II Gemini | May 22-June 20. Decide what you need to do to update your image. Socializing with someone who interests you romantically will have a positive outcome.

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opportunity you have to travel today. If you can't get away, content yourself with research.

M Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Do whatever it takes to stay ahead of the curve. Concentrate on your work. Push your proposals forward without reservation.

Don't let conflicting feelings paralyze you. Make decisions that will eliminate interactions with people who are causing you grief.

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Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You will need to accept help from a capable person. If you go it alone, you won't get off the ground. This is not the time to rely on your own resources.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. You can't trust anyone else to do your job. If you wish to advance, show your worth to those with influence. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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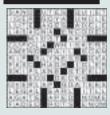
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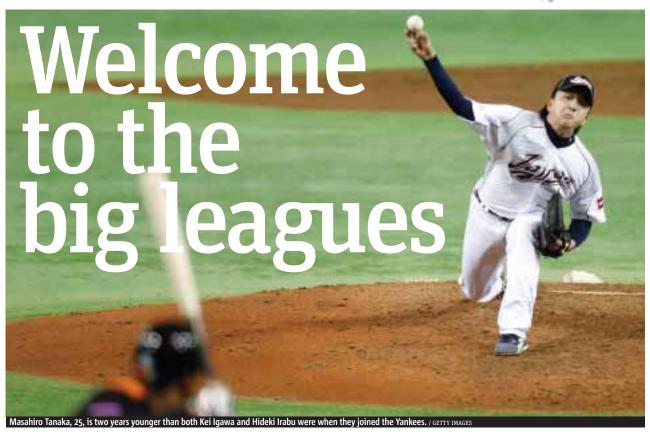
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MLB. The Yankees went all-out to sian bia-time Japanese free agent Masahiro Tanaka.

The Yankees felt confident they could sell Masahiro Tanaka on accepting an offer higher than any other bidder.

But even with confidence in the Yankee brand

and playing in New York at Yankee Stadium, and the Yankees left nothing to chance when they met with Tanaka and agent Casey Close for about two hours in Los Angeles on Jan. 8.

"It was more of us presenting to him what we're about, the direction we're trying to go and our interest," general manager Brian Cashman said on a conference call to announce the seven-year, \$155 million deal Wednesday. "I

Tanaka had a league-best 1.27 ERA for the Rakuten Golden Eagles last season as he won the award for best pitcher with a 24-0 record.

won't say [it was] as much of a recruiting [pitch] as an educational spot for him. But as it was conveyed to me by Casey Close - as I'm sure he conveyed to all clubs - this was really go-

ing to be your one time to meet with the player and that's why we chose to take eight people."

The group of eight included Cashman, manager Joe Girardi, pitching coach Larry Rothchild, team president Randy Levine, interpreter George Rose and special assistant Trey Hillman, who was previously a manager in Japan. The recruiting also included a phone call from 2009 World Series MVP Hideki Matsui.

"Am I comfortable offering him \$155 million?" Cashman said. "It's the cost of doing business. I think that no matter when you want to acquire some of the best talent in the world - whether it's coming from the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, the United States or Japan obviously the highest talent costs a lot of money.'

LARRY **FLEISHER**

Ahreu eturns Needing a little more offense, Ruben Amaro Jr. and the Phillies elcomed back former All-Star outfielder signed a one-year minor league deal 0,000. He played with the Yankees from 2006-08 and hit 43 homers and batted .295 in pinstripes.

Back in town

hat about the luxury tax?

Yankees managing partner Hal Steinbrenner's proclamation two years ago to keep the team's payroll under \$189 million by 2014 is well known by now. But the Yankees sure didn't look like a team keeping their payroll low this offseason.

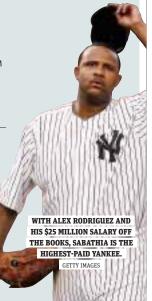
The team had already signed big-name free agents Jacoby Ellsbury, Brian McCann and Carlos Beltran before breaking out another \$155 million for Masahiro Tanaka.

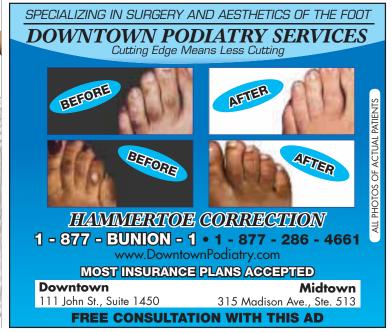
After the rival Red Sox claimed their third World Series in a decade last October, Steinbrenner's "goal" to get the payroll under \$189 million seems like it's gone out the window with 19 surething roster spots taken.

Big names: CC Sabathia: \$23M Mark Teixeira: \$22.5M Masahiro Tanaka: \$22.1M Jacoby Ellsbury: \$21M Brian McCann: \$17M Hiroki Kuroda: \$16M Carlos Beltran: \$15M Derek Jeter: \$12M

Role players: Ichiro Suzuki: \$6.5M Brett Gardner: \$5.6M David Robertson: \$5.2M Alfonso Soriano: \$5M Matt Thornton: \$3.5M Ivan Nova: \$3.3M Kelly Johnson: \$3M Brian Roberts: \$2M Brendan Ryan: \$2M Shawn Kelley: \$1.8M Francisco Cervelli: \$700K

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Go-qo Gio

Gio Bernard was already going to be a sophomore breakout candidate in 2014 as he's clearly the superior back to BenJarvus Green-Ellis. But now pass-



MLB news

Matt Kemp played in just 73 games in 2013 as he battled injuries. Thinking of him as a bounce-back candidate? It's risky. happy offensive coordinator Jay Gruden is gone and running-back savant Hue Jackson is in. He's already talking up Bernard as a potential three-down and goal-line back. Jackson previously made fantasy stars of McFadden and Stephen Davis (with the Redskins from 2001-02).

Air Jordan

Jordan Cameron was a no-brainer sleeper in 2013 thanks to the ar**NBA** pickups

Time to scour the waiver wire for these lead guards:

- Ramon Sessions, PG, Bobcats — Kemba Walker's ankle injury clears the way for Sessions, an annual plugand-play.
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Of course, much to the chagrin of many Knicks fans, owner James Dolan doesn't have any plans to sell the team anytime soon.

The Lakers were No. 2 in the rankings at \$1.35 billion, and the Bulls were the only other billion-dollar franchise at \$1 billion even. None of the top three are over .500 in 2013-14. METRO

By the numbers

\$96M

an all-time record profit of \$96 million in 2012-13, thanks in part to the overhaul of Madison Square Garden.

On the move

Rangers deal Del Zotto to Predators

Rangers head coach Alain Vigneault made it no secret he wasn't enamored with defenseman Michael Del Zotto in his system.

Now Del Zotto will have a chance to find a role on another team.

The Rangers traded the 23-year-old to Nashville on Wednesday for fellow defenseman Kevin Klein.

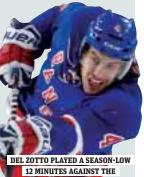
Del Zotto was a first-round pick by New York in 2008 and had spent all five NHL seasons with the Rangers.

"Michael wasn't comfortable on the right side," Vigneault told reporters at practice Wednesday. "We had to move John Moore there. Johnny Moore is better on the left side, so we just thought for our overall team this [trade] would be a better fit for us."

Klein, 29, has played his entire career in Nashville, playing a key role on defense. He is not, however, much of an offense-oriented defenseman, something Vigneault criticized in Del Zotto. Klein has never had more than 21 points in a season. Del Zotto did that three times in four career seasons — including last year's lockout-abbreviated campaign.

The righty Klein, as opposed to the left-handed Del Zotto, should fit better in Vigneault's preferred positioning though.

The crowd at Madison Square Garden chanted "Trade Del Zotto" after the defenseman made a critical mistake in the Rangers' 2-1 loss to the Lightning on Jan. 15. MARK OSBORNE



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